

Steering committee meeting 3/17 at Fauntleroy YMCA

Attending the Steering committee meeting were Randee F, Karen F, Kate F, Terri O, and Laura C.

Meeting synopsis:

A special session was called for the steering committee of the Barton P-patch to gather more information on how the gardeners can live compatibly with the birch tree which will remain on site. Several local arborists donated their time and expertise to form a panel discussion. Included were Mark Harman of **Stonehedge Pruning**, Sean Dugan of **Tree cycle**, Joe Markovich from **Sdot** and Kyle Henegar who is at the **Washington Park Arboretum**. Cass Turnbull from Plant Amnesty and John Hushagen of Seattle Tree Preservation were not able to attend. The discussion was centered on how to protect the tree and at the end of the meeting there was agreement that the controversial root barrier should not be installed. As Kyle Henegar stated at the end of the meeting "It just doesn't get any better than this...these are some of the top tree people in Seattle". Several ideas for protecting the tree were suggested and will be explored as we go along in the design process, so stay tuned. Randee will follow up with Barker LA to keep them informed.

The next General meeting where the design will be presented is April 2nd.

Hope to see everyone there!